(b) if not, what are the reasons there-sor;

(c) whether backlog in recruitments and promotions in all the Banks are cleared in respect of SC/ST candidates; and

(d) what special measures have been taken to fill up the backlog in higher scales?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI DAL-BI.R SINGH): (a) and (h) Government have not issued instructions for providing office accommodation with or without the ancillary facilities to any of the Unions/Associations including Scheduled Caste/Scheduled Tribe Welfare .-Wajiations.

(c) No.Sir.

(d) Except in Syndicate Bank on the basis of the Supereme Court judgement and a few banks where there are senio-vity based promotions up to scale-Ill promotions within officers cadres of the banks are selection based and therefore, do not attract reservations for Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes.

Inclusion of SC/ST Associations in Policy making bodies

3721. SHRIMATI MIRA DAS: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether SC/ST employees Associations in Hanks have not been recognised by Government, if so, the reasons therefore; and

(b) what steps have teen taken to include representatives of SC/ST Association in the policy making bodies of banks as is being done in case <-f general associations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI DAL-BIR SINGH): (a) As a policy, no association of employees based on caste, creed, religion, etc. is recognised.

(b) All the public sector banks and financial institutions have been advised to associate, with the process of negotiations on service matters of bank employees, on SC/ST officer of adequate seniority, if available in the bank. If such a suitable SC/ST officer is not available, the banks could associate the Liaison Officer for SCs and STs in the bank for the purpose .

Opposition *to* Indian Association for Soft Loan from Asian Development Bank

3722 DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Uni-ied States has opposed India's application to the Asian Development Bank for soft been facility; and

(b) if so. what are the details there of?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI DAL-BIR SINGH): (a) and (b) The Asian Development Fund Donors' discussions on replenishment of ADF-VI (soft loan) for the period 1992-1995 were concluded in the meeting held in. London on 9-lo December, 1991. Given the needs of traditional ADF recipients and other eligible borrowers and the limited size of funds available, the donors which included United States concluded that it would not be possible to make ADF resources available to India during ADF-VI period.

केन्द्रीय उत्पाद और सीमा शुल्क बोर्ड का पुनर्गठन

3723. श्री ईश दत्त यादव : क्या वित्त मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि केंद्रीय उत्पाद और सीमा शुल्क बोर्ड का पुनर्गठन किया जा रहा है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो प्रस्तावित पुनर्गठन योजना की मुख्य-मुख्य विशेषताएं क्या हैं ;

(ग) इस संबंध में अंतिम निर्णय कब तक के लिए जाने की संभावना है ; और